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FOR: CATALYST FOR PRODUCING ALPHA, BETA-UNSATURATED CARBOXYLIC ACID AND METHOD FOR PREPARATION THEREOF, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING ALPHA, BETA-UNSATURATED CARBOXYLIC ACID

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

- 1) References AA and AO-AQ have been cited in the International Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 2) References [REDACTED] have been cited in the corresponding [REDACTED] Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 3) References AR-AW are discussed in the specification. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 4) References [REDACTED] are additional prior art known to Applicant. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.

(AS)- JP 60-155148: What is claimed in claim 1 is a method for manufacturing an alpha, beta-unsaturated carboxylic acid: consisting a step oxidizing a C₃-C₆ olefin mixed with air or oxygen in a liquid medium containing a free radical inhibitor in the presence of an activated palladium metal catalyst, wherein the catalyst is activated by contacting the supported palladium metal catalyst with the same or a different C₃-C₆ olefin at least 60 °C for at least 10 minutes in the liquid medium substantially in the absence of oxygen; or consisting the oxidizing step after the activating step.

(AT)- JP 60-139341: What is claimed in claim 1 is an activated palladium metal catalyst manufactured by contacting a supported palladium metal catalyst with a C₃-C₆ olefin at at least about 60 °C for at least about 10 minutes in a liquid medium substantially in the absence of oxygen.

(AU)- JP 60-139643: What is claimed in claim 1 is a method for manufacturing an alpha, beta-unsaturated carboxylic acid: consisting a step oxidizing a C₃-C₆ olefin mixed with air or oxygen in a liquid medium containing a surfactant system consisted of a surfactant and a cosurfactant, respectively, of not more than about 1.5 vol% in the presence of an activated palladium metal catalyst, wherein the catalyst is activated by contacting the supported palladium metal catalyst with the same or a different C₃-C₆ olefin at least about 60 °C for at least about 10 minutes in the liquid medium substantially in the absence of oxygen; or consisting the oxidizing step after the activating step.

(AO)- JP 51-1389: What is claimed in claim 1 is a catalyst comprising: a activated catalytic material and a support medium preliminary formed; wherein the activated catalytic material is one selected from metals, salts, oxides, acids, alloys, heteropoly acids, heteropoly acid salts of an element of IB, IIB, IVB, V, VIB, VIIB or VII group, and mixtures thereof; comprising a xerogel of silica distilled at 300 °C or lower which has a legitimate or middle density as the support medium.